

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A seamed, conformable belt comprising:
a substrate having first and second opposing substantially planar surfaces, a first end, and a second end, wherein the first end and the second end of the substrate form a first seam; and
an elastomeric layer having a first end and a second end, wherein the elastomeric layer is adjacent to, and in contact with, the first surface of the substrate,
wherein the first end ~~and the second end~~ of the elastomeric layer is engaged with the second end of the elastomeric layer to form a second, detachable, substantially planar, interlocking puzzle cut seam, the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer interlocking with one another such that the first and second ends are mechanically and detachably locked together, and
wherein the interlocking puzzle cut seam between the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer provides a mechanically removable connection between the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer that is maintained solely by frictional engagement.
2. (Previously Presented) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the first seam is an interlocking puzzle cut seam, wherein the first and second ends of the substrate interlock with one another such that the first and second ends are mechanically and detachably locked together.
3. (Original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams include a kerf.
4. (Original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams comprise nodes of from about 0.6 mm to about 3 mm in diameter.
5. (Original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams comprise from about 10 to about 20 nodes per inch along the seams.

6. (Original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the first seam is bonded.

7. (Original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a modulus of elasticity of from about 75 PSI to about 3000 PSI.

8. (Original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a thickness of from about 0.5 mm to about 5 mm.

9. (Original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the elastomeric layer has a thickness of from about 0.25 mm to about 4.75 mm.

10-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a seamed, conformable belt comprising:

providing a substrate having first and second opposing substantially planar surfaces, a first end, and a second end;

coating the first surface of the substrate with an elastomeric layer having a first end and a second end, wherein the elastomeric layer is adjacent to, and in contact with, the first surface of the substrate;

positioning the first end and the second end of the substrate to form a first seam; and

positioning the first end of the elastomeric layer in engagement with ~~and the~~ second end of the elastomeric layer to form a second, detachable, substantially planar, interlocking puzzle cut seam, the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer interlocking with one another such that the first and second ends are mechanically and detachably locked together, and

wherein the interlocking puzzle cut seam between the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer provides a mechanically removable connection between the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer that is maintained solely by frictional engagement.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15 wherein the first seam is an interlocking puzzle cut seam, wherein the first and second ends of the substrate interlock with one another such that the first and second ends are mechanically and detachably locked together.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the interlocking seams include a kerf.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the interlocking seams comprise nodes of from about 0.6 mm to about 3 mm in diameter.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the interlocking seams comprise from about 10 to about 20 nodes per inch along the seams.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 15 wherein the first seam is bonded.

21. (Original) The method according to claim 15 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a modulus of elasticity of from about 75 PSI to about 3000 PSI.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 15 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a thickness of from about 0.5 mm to about 5 mm.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 15 wherein the elastomeric layer has a thickness of from about 0.25 mm to about 4.75 mm.

24. (New) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the interlocking puzzle cut seam between the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer facilitates removal and replacement of the elastomeric layer without necessitating removal or modification of the substrate.

25. (New) The method according to claim 15 wherein the interlocking puzzle cut seam between the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer facilitates removal and replacement of the elastomeric layer without necessitating removal or modification of the substrate.